

Testimony Submitted in Support of SB 1057, HB 5004,  
HB 1064, HJ1, SJ29 and HB 6693  
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Dear Senator Flexer and Representative Blumenthal and Distinguished Members of the GAE Committee:

Connecticut voters have spoken, loud and clear, for the opportunity to have an effective, secure early voting process and you must take the necessary steps now to implement this popular process. Please support ten days to two weeks of early voting with multiple weekends and convenient locations and hours and provide funding for towns and cities to implement early voting in their communities.

In addition, the GAE Committee must approve HJ1 and SJ29, No Excuse Absentee Voting, to allow voters to approve this measure as a ballot referendum in 2024. So many voters availed themselves of the ability to vote absentee during the pandemic that voter participation increased dramatically. Our democracy will thrive when more eligible voters are able to participate both in Early Voting and No Excuse Absentee Voting.

I support expanding the process for curing absentee ballots for voters who rely on them. However, there is no reason to make public the names and addresses of applicants for Absentee Ballots.

Thank you for consideration of these measures to expand voting rights in our state.